

CVPIA Program Review

Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2006

Action Items Review

Environmental/Fishing Interest Participation

All calls made. Several people considering participation:

- The Nature Conservancy (Anthony Seracino)
- Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations (Zeke Grader)
- Environmental Defense (Ann Hayden)
- CA Department of Fish & Game (Ann Low)

Action: Everyone who has made calls will send their notes of calls to Susan so we can document efforts to expand participation.

Purpose Statement

The group discussed several aspects of the purpose statement and provided suggested language. The working group (Campbell, Shirley, Jeff) will work on another draft. Topics for consideration in the redraft:

- Clarify "criteria for completion" (a way to assess if program activities are complete)
- Use "performance goals" in place of "measurable outcomes"
- Does achievement of some or all of the performance goals result in completion at program or activity level?
- Does achievement of performance goals result in achieving program goals and purposes?
- Does achievement of performance goals result in demonstrable accomplishments?
- Consider that the report should include conclusions, recommendations/proposed solutions, perspectives, and the process (collaboration) and roles
- Consider improving language describing the goal of assessing completion and steps to completion for both the specifics of CVPIA and the overall purposes of CVPIA and the relationship of the two:

	3407 Completion (outputs)	Performance Goals (outcomes)
Program (PART)		
Program Activity (CPR)		

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Matrix discussion

The group reviewed and refined two lists for entry into the matrix columns:

Activity Type

- Program
- Report
- Investigation
- Plan
- Measure (action)
- Monitoring
- Construction
- Acquisition

Outcome Type

- Fisheries
- Habitat
- Structural
- Operations

The group then reviewed the draft matrix to identify the activity type and metric and purpose type and metric (as defined in the Act) for program activities in the preliminary “Not Complete” category. Key points of discussion:

Activity – The activity (output) is defined if the Act specifies the tasks to be completed. For example, Shasta TCD is a specified output, with design details left to the program level. In contrast, for Red Bluff the Act specified to develop “measures” without specifying what those measures are.

Output Metric – The metric for the output would typically be the completion/accomplishment of that output (one Shasta TCD or delivery of X acre-feet of Refuge Water Supply).

Purpose – The purpose (outcome) is defined if the Act specifies the results to be accomplished. The group had more difficulty determining if the Act defines metrics for the outcomes or whether they could be inferred from the purpose statement.

In some cases there may be no purpose other than completing the output. For example, for the San Joaquin River Comprehensive Plan the outcome is dependent on future Congressional action, so there wouldn’t be any results or outcomes until Congress directed actions.

Wrap-up

Susan Ramos reported that the PART work and the CVPIA Performance Review is being watched closely in Washington because there is little experience applying this type of review to adaptive management programs. DC staff is interested in learning:

- How to come to an agreement
- How to bring people into the process
- How to measure outcomes (both biological and environmental)
- How programs are assessed

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Our Story

The group reviewed progress to date and the story to report to others.

- Fish & Wildlife, Reclamation, and stakeholders have undertaken individual efforts to define program objectives and completion in the past. This process is different because it is being done together as a group.
- This is a challenging process because the two agencies have vastly different missions and are put together to solve the same problem. This new effort is truly a break from the past when staunch supporters of the old ways dominated thinking and activity.
- New agency management approach says we owe our customers measurable guidelines. They need to know what the work product is. This directive is coming from high level management and it is being supported as it has not been in the past.
- We appreciate the openness and support from management. We are glad they are offering the time and resources to get it done. The PART process gives us an opportunity to review and a way to report to the highest agency levels.
- When the act passed, there was a need to understand because people were not clear. Reclamation would not implement it. It was difficult to sort out. Now, 13 years later we can see what has been accomplished. Now we can review with a better sense of where we are and where we have been. We can look at this more objectively than we could 5 years ago.
- It helps to have good facilitation to really make it happen this time. We are taking a lot of time from our jobs to take part in this process. Every day we need to say something about what is happening.
- So far it is very generic. It is good that we are moving forward. It is too early to talk about any specifics. We bring ideas into the group and are still getting our arms around it. There are no solutions to arrive at yet.
- We are hoping the program managers look at the process and review it in a positive way – looking at it objectively (as a business person would) – “Am I using my dollars effectively?”

Action Items

- Assemble glossary of terms (Charles and Janice)
- Redraft purpose statement (Campbell, Jeff, Bernice)
- Bring handouts of the slides (Susan and Charles)
- Do homework to prepare for matrix discussion on Tuesday (all)

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Meeting Review

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Participants

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 Serge Birk — CVPWA
~~Brice Bledsoe~~ — ~~CCWD~~
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